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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7120
BILL NUMBER: HB 1548

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2015
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Midwives.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lehe
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Collaboration to Consulting Physicians-* The bill changes the requirement that a direct entry midwife (midwife) have a collaborative agreement with a physician requiring that the midwife's client have a consulting physician.

Date Extensions- The bill extends the date: (1) by which a midwife is required to submit certain information to obtain an exemption from certain certification requirements; (2) relating to restrictions of use of the title "certified direct entry midwife"; and (3) after which practicing midwifery without a certificate is a felony.

Disclosures, Providing Records, & Repeal- The bill requires certain information to be included in a midwife's disclosure form, client's records, and emergency plan. The bill requires a client's medical records that are prepared by a consulting physician be provided to the midwife. The bill repeals certain provisions concerning physician collaboration.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Collaboration to Consulting Physicians-* Collaborating physicians would become consulting physicians. This provision would reduce the future administrative workload of the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) and the Medical Licensing Board (MLB), as the bill would remove the annual registration requirements on physicians wishing to participate as collaborating physicians. The PLA's workload would be further reduced if certified direct entry (CDE) midwives did not have to report a change in collaborating physicians.

However, given the rules for certification of CDE midwives have not yet been adopted by the MLB and no

registration is in place, this provision presently has no real impact to PLA expenditures or workload.

Date Extensions- Similarly, this provision would extend deadlines prior to when CDE midwife information, use of title, and felony violations would take effect. Again, given that no CDE midwives have currently been certified, there would be no impact on state expenditures related to the extension granted by the bill.

Additional Information- Typically, the Medical Licensing Board meets 11 times per calendar year regardless of midwifery matters. The Midwifery Committee has met about 4 or 5 times since its inception.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Date Extensions-* The proposed extension of an additional year prior to certification should have no impact on state revenues, given fees for certification have not yet been established.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency, Midwifery Committee, Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

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